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APPARATUS CONTROL SYSTEM, APPARATUS, AND COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM WHERE APPARATUS CONTROL

PROGRAM IS RECORDED

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